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Dear Ms. Schmit,

My name is Kaitlyn Watts and I am a graduate student at The University of Wyoming. I recently had a meeting with Wes Martel, of the Shoshone Business Council, who suggested that I speak with you in regards to my research.

I am conducting research for my master's thesis on the relationship between people's perception of an environmental conflict and the strategies they use to persuade public policy. The case study that I am using to further investigate this issue is the conflict in Pavillion, WY over hydraulic fracturing and the potential for water contamination. I have conducted interviews with various actors in this situation including landowners, BLM officials, tribal members, and NGO affiliates. In addition, I am seeking the perspective of the EPA.

I understand that you have had a degree of involvement in this issues, and I would be interested in hearing about your perspective. Would you have the time and be willing to share your perspective on this issue in an interview? Or would you know of someone in your agency that would be willing to give their time to this research?

Please feel free to contact me via email or phone number, which ever is most convenient for you.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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